

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 13 and 17, ADD claims 18 and 19 and AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program allowing a computer, ~~that constitutes~~ operating as a server in as an operation system and handling as its the operation system operating character code a plurality of different character codes, to execute:

a kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step for, when~~ comprising:

receiving, from a client, kana information ~~of~~ comprising an input character string for which an operating character code has been designated,

converting the kana information into a kanji character string of an intermediate code and a kanji character string of the operating character code, ~~and thereafter~~

creating a candidate list of a kanji character string ~~consisting of~~ comprising character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, and

sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, ~~and~~ causing the client to select a character string of a kanji candidate; and

an editing/outputting ~~step for~~ comprising:

receiving an operating character code of the selected kanji character string from the client; and

transferring the received operating character code to a corresponding operation system.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, further comprising:

a start-up ~~step for~~ comprising sending character inputting data and a character inputting program to the client, wherein

the character inputting program is started up by designated operation in an input area of the character inputting web-page and stops the client's OS-based character inputting operation on the starting-up.

3. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate code is a large-scale code including a plurality of operating character codes, and wherein the kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step~~ includes:

referring to a kana-to-kanji conversion table in which large-scale codes are registered, and acquiring a large-scale code of a kanji character string corresponding to kana reading information of an inputted character string; and

referring to a code conversion table in which the plurality of operating character codes are registered corresponding to the large-scale codes, and acquiring an operating character code corresponding to the large-scale code of the kanji character string.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, wherein the kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step~~ includes:

receiving, from the client, ~~the~~ kana reading information of the inputted character string for which ~~the~~ a type of ~~the~~ dictionary used is designated in addition to the designation of the operating character code, and creating a candidate list of a kanji character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, wherein the kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step~~ includes:

creating a candidate list of a kanji character string for which both of the intermediate code and the operating character code have been obtained, and sending the created candidate list to the client.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, wherein the kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step~~ comprises:

a font image creation ~~step~~ for comprising, when a font image creation request of a character code is received from the client that includes designation of ~~the~~ a font size in addition to kana information of the inputted character string for which an operating character code has been designated, comprising:

acquiring an outline font of the requested character code from a font file and

converting the acquired outline font into an image; ~~and~~
~~thereafter~~ converting the image into an image file in a predetermined image
format; and
sending the image file to the client for display.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, wherein the candidate selection program sent to the client together with the candidate list in the kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step~~ causes the client to store the operating character code of the kanji character string selected from the candidate list in an edited character string buffer and to transmit to the server the kanji character string of the operating character code stored in the edited character string buffer after determining the transmitting operation of the character inputting web-page.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 42, wherein the character inputting program sent to the client in the start-up ~~step~~ comprises an input-support display function including display of input areas and display of inputting positions necessary for character inputting.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 42, wherein the character inputting program sent to the client in the start-up ~~step~~ converts kana into kanji through searches of key words including reading, character code, the number of strokes, variation of a character, radical, part or hand-written strokes.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium ~~program~~ according to claim 1, wherein the kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step~~ includes, when a hybrid mode is designated that uses font files of both of the server and the client, converting only the operating character codes in a range defined in advance into character images of the intermediate code, and sending intactly the operating character codes out of the range to the client for conversion into character images.

11. (Currently Amended) A character inputting and editing method for a server ~~in as~~ an operation system handling as ~~its~~ the operation system operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the method comprising:

a kana-to-kanji conversion ~~step effected by a kana-to-kanji conversion unit, which step~~

~~includes, when comprising:~~

receiving, from a client, kana information of an input character string for which an operating character code has been designated,

converting the kana information into a kanji character string of an intermediate code and a kanji character string of the operating character code, ~~and thereafter~~

creating a candidate list of a kanji character string ~~consisting of~~ comprising character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, and

sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a character string of a kanji candidate; and an editing/outputting ~~step effected by an editing/outputting unit, which step~~

~~includes comprising:~~

receiving an operating character code of the selected kanji character string from the client, and

transferring the received operating character code to a corresponding operation system.

12. (Currently Amended) A server apparatus ~~in~~ as an operation system handling as its the operation system operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the server apparatus comprising:

a computer, comprising:

a kana-to-kanji ~~conversion unit for, when~~ converter,

receiving, from a client, kana information of an input character string for which an operating character code has been designated,

converting the kana information into a kanji character string of an intermediate code and a kanji character string of the operating character code, ~~and thereafter~~

creating a candidate list of a kanji character string ~~consisting of~~ comprising character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, and

sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a character string of a kanji candidate; and

~~an editing/outputting unit for~~ editor/outputter,

receiving an operating character code of the selected kanji character string from the client, and

transferring the received operating character code to a corresponding operation system.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program allowing a computer ~~that constitutes a~~ operating as server in as an operation system and handling as its the operation system operating character code a plurality of different character codes, to execute:

a character conversion ~~step for, when~~ comprising:

receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character string for which an operating character code has been designated,

converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-conversion character string of the operating character code, ~~and thereafter~~

creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, and

sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a post-conversion character string; and an editing/outputting ~~step for~~ comprising:

receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the client, and

transferring the received character string to a corresponding operation system.

15. (Currently Amended) A character inputting and editing method for a server ~~in as~~ an operation system handling as its ~~the operation system~~ operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the method comprising:

a character conversion ~~step effected by a character conversion unit, which step includes,~~ comprising:

~~when~~ receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character string for which an operating character code has been designated,

converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-conversion character string of the operating character code, ~~and thereafter~~

creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string consisting of character images of the operating character code and the intermediate code, and

sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection program to the client, and causing the client to select a post-conversion character string; and
an editing/outputting ~~step effected by an editing/outputting unit, which step~~
~~includes comprising:~~

receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the client, and
transferring the received character string to a corresponding operation system.

16. (Currently Amended) A server apparatus ~~in~~ as an operation system handling as ~~its~~
the operation system operating character code a plurality of different character codes, the server
apparatus comprising:

a computer comprising:

a character ~~conversion unit for, when~~ converter,

receiving from a client a pre-conversion input character string for
which an operating character code has been designated,

converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-
conversion character string of an intermediate code and a post-
conversion character string of the operating character code, ~~and~~
~~thereafter~~

creating a candidate list of the post-conversion character string
consisting of character images of the operating character code and the
intermediate code, and

sending the candidate list together with a candidate selection
program to the client, and causing the client to select a post-conversion
character string; and

~~an editing/outputting unit for~~ editor/outputter,

receiving a selected post-conversion character string from the
client, and

transferring the received character string to a corresponding
operation system.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A server in communication with a client comprising:
a controller,

receiving, from the client, a kana input character string;
converting the kana input character string into a kanji intermediate code
and a kanji operating character code;
creating a candidate list comprising character images of the kanji
operating character code and the kanji intermediate code; and
sending the candidate list and a candidate selection program to the client.

19. (New) A server in communication with a client comprising:
a controller,
receiving, from a client, the client a pre-conversion input character string;
converting the pre-conversion character string into a post-conversion
intermediate code and a post-conversion operating character code;
creating a candidate list comprising character images of the post-
conversion operating character code and the post-conversion intermediate code;
and
sending the candidate list and a candidate selection program to the client.